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F. C. A. RED CROSS DRIVE STARTS MARCH 7, 1945

Again, the American Red Cross calls upon you and upon me to help them raise funds to carry on the many activities they conduct to make things easier for the men and women in the Service; for those who are doing your job and mine.

The services they render are too many to enumerate: they help to boost morale by camp shows at the front lines, in rest areas, and here at home: they collect. process, and deliver the plasma which has brought many a man back to hospitals here, who would otherwise have made the supreme sacrifice; they advance funds to those who lack the means which would enable them to visit their homes.

Another of their invaluable services is to contact our men and women who are prisoners in war camps, send them little "luxuries," - things which we consider bare necessities, and do all that they can to make their unhappy lot more bearable. You, no doubt, have read of the experiences of those who have been liberated in the Philippines.

Our folks in the Service have praised the Red Cross to the skies, both here and abroad, and they are the ones who really know how much the services have meant to them.

Our quota has not yet been fixed; however, it will be determined before March 7, 1945, our next payday, and you will be informed before then, just what we aim to



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TUESDAY LUNCHEON MOVIES

12:15 and 1:00°p.m.
February 20, 1945
"Washington in Wartime"
and
Film Communique #15

RED CROSS DRIVE (Continued from page 1)

Remember, it is up to us, to you and to me, to see that this wonderful work goes on until that happy day when peace returns once more to this war-torn world.

ATTENTION REPORTS AND CONTRIBUTORS

All items for inclusion in the next GRAPEVINE should be submitted by Saturday, February 24.



LETTERS FROM OUR MEN AND WOMEN IN SERVICE

Cpl. Gertrude S. Grove, (A701236 WAC Det., Hq & Hq. Sq., USSTAF, APO 633, c/o Postmaster, New York, N.Y.) Many thanks for the Christmas package which contained just the right things. As far as gifts are concerned, Christmas lasted a long time for me, for I received several packages in October and have one that just arrived yesterday. Actually, though, Christmas was just another working day, except that we did have a big dinner with turkey and some of the usual things that go with it.

After having spent about 5 months in England I am now "somewhere in France."
The war seems much closer and it hasn't

been so very long since the Germans were here in this very place.

Restrictions on travel are very tight and I am afraid I won't have an opportunity to have the sightseeing trips that I had in England. Thanks too for sending the Grapevine. I always enjoy it.

Col. O. W. Hermann, (0-919922, G 5 Supreme Hc. AEF, APO 757, c/o Postmaster New York, N.Y.) Your most welcome Christmas package just arrived. Thanks very much for remembering me after my long absence. I spent last Christmas in Naples, Italy, but left there in March to join the Staff of Supreme Hg. AEF in London. I got to see quite a bit of England and some of Scotland. Have been in France over 6 months. Up until about a month ago I was about the most traveled in the outfit - 6-7000 miles by jeep over France, Belgium, Netherlands and bits of Germany. I almost forgot Luxembourg - one of the most interesting of the lot. Paris is a most beautiful place... Practically all of my old section are over here now, Johnny Burgess, Otis Weaver, Clarence Pike, but have not seen them.

I would like to be remembered to all my friends in FCA.

The following paragraphs are taken from a letter to W. R. Parkhill, Chief, Appraisal Engineering Section from his 27-year-old son, Lt. Col. William H. Parkhill.

I have over three thousand men and millions of dollars of equipment in my charge on an ex-German airfield somewhere in France.

I have received a second Distinguished Flying Cross and the Bronze Star Medal.

New Years Eve I had the best New Years celebration of my life - I flew twenty-four wounded soldiers all stretcher cases from the front to England. In one month my group flew 2700 wounded boys to England. And that's just a sideline to our regular business of hauling freight and keeping constantly ready to drop paratroopers and haul gliders. Time is whirling by at a terrific speed.

Carl W. Bark, (SK3c, S&H Division, USS BERING STRAIT, c/o Fleet Post Office, San Francisco, Calif.) Greetings from the blue waters of the Pacific. The far reaching shores of the USA far behind and these everlasting ocean waves always ahead. Never in all my life would I have realized that there could have been so much water, but now it is very evident and believe me it will be a grand and glorious feeling to again put a foot on the beach. With all the education that travel is rumored to afford, I'm afraid there is a bit of truth in the old song about joining the Navy to see the world and what did I see, I saw the sea. Nevertheless here is a "salty" attempt to express my thanks for a swell Christmas package. The receipt of the box was like getting

money from home. Each and every one of the articles was put to a very good use, believe me. The mere word THANKS is far too small to describe my feelings toward all who had a part in sending similar greetings to all of us who have departed from FCA, but thanks it is and many of them.

Capt. Harvey C. Wright, (0-2080991, Hq. III Corps, APO 303, c/o Postmaster, New York, N.Y.) It was a wonderful surprise when I opened your present and found fruit cake, candy, cigarettes, and soap - all those things that are so hard to get and yet so appreciated by us. Thanks a million, not only for the spirit but for the gift itself.

Was privileged to spend a day in Paris; the city is all anyone can say about it. I find all the liberated people very friendly and eager to help.

If any of you "old timers" are still around who remember me, how about a line?

Pfc. Emma Ree Hubbs (A-701408, Hq. USAFFE, AG Casualty Section, APO 501, c/o Fostmaster, San Francisco, Calif.) I made the trip up here (Dutch New Guinea) from Brisbane by boat. Honestly, I never want to see another boat. It seems that the WAC's are always packed down in the hole where the portholes are never opened.

We were very agreeably surprised by our quarters. We live six to a tent way up in the clouds - the nights are cool

enough for a blanket and the days are nice for acquiring a beautiful suntan...Our area looks out over a lovely lake which has little islands in the middle of it. Quite often we will see clouds floating along on the lake below us. Once in a while a cloud will float right through the office. The greatest drawback to this place is the red clay. It rains quite often and it gets pretty messy on occasion.

We lay our clothes out on a tin plate and wash them with scrub brushes. Oh, yes, no skirts are allowed in Guinea. We wear men's shirts, either men's trousers or nurses' slacks, and high topped shoes. The CO tried very hard to get permission for us to put on skirts for Christmas, but I guess it was no go. It didn't matter a great deal for we worked just as we would on any ordinary day.

Say hello to everyone for me and I do really appreciate hearing from anyone who has a little extra time.

Pvt. Kenneth W. Epperson, (37539838, Co. A 732 Rwy. Oprn. Bn., APO 350 c/o Postmaster New York, N.Y.) "Somewhere in France" - Am attached to the third army and we are kept busy keeping supplies moving to the front.

I have received several letters also copies of the Farm Credit Club paper. I enjoy the news contained in them.

How are things running at FCA? The boys must have a tough time of it

these days being so greatly in the minority.

Best regards to each of you.

Harry J. Schlick, (\$2/c, USS LCI(G) 64 c/o Fleet Post Office, San Francisco, Calif.) Leyte Island, Philippines - As you can see, I am now in the Philippines, Got here about two months ago. After I got here I was assigned to an LCI(G) which means Landing Craft Infantry (Gunboat). We don't carry any personnel, but are used for patrol duty mostly.

I have been on two invasions so far.

That's about all I can say about that.

I'd much rather forget about them both.

The natives here are friendly but very poor. They seem to have been treated pretty badly by the Japs. They are always trading knives and cheap trinkets for food or clothes. Some of the girls are nice looking.

We don't often get ashore, but only for mail or food. The land is very muddy, and it isn't very pleasant to go ashore.

A few weeks ago an Associated Press writer quoted a colonel at an Eighth Air Force Fighter Base, England, as saying, "Hank Brown is one of the great pilots of all time. If he had stayed in combat, he would have surpassed them all - anyone you want to name." He was speaking of Capt. Henry W. Browne, now prisoner of war, former FCA clerk. Hank got his thirtieth enemy plane just before his

plane was put out of action by a burst of enemy flak as his flight roared down on the German airfield. Companions, circling above, saw him make a safe landing and walk away from his wrecked plane. November 26 his family was notified that he was a prisoner of war.

NEW SERVICE ADDRESSES

(Change your directory, or add to it)

Pvt. Harry K. Cpl. John F. Kearney, Dellinger, Sr. 3772918 33741885, Finance Sec. 44th M.R.U. (M) Hq. and Hq. Sq. APO 312 329th Serv. G.P. c/o P.M. New York, N.Y APO 466

Reinholdt J. Eufinger S 2/c, 957-81-17 N.T.C. (S.K.) 19-45 Barracks S-20 Sampson, New York

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Cpl. Harry E. Martin,

13070365 6th Combat Cargo Sqdn. 2nd Combat Cargo Group APO 920, c/o P.M. San Francisco, Calif.

Pfc. Robert L. Sherrod, 37502772 2 M. Co. APC 45C c/o Pcstmaster New York, N. Y.

BRIDGE NOTES

A valentine celebration was enjoyed by bridge players on Tuesday February 13, in the Club Room. Candy, nuts, ice cream, and brownies were enhoyed by all during and after the regular five rounds of play.

At the end of the evening Marie Puhr was in the lead with Robert MacWilliams and Dorothy O'Bryan in second and third places. (LM)

Strictly Personal

Central Office Accounting. Mollie
Dubiner entertained Crew Chief Sam
Lambert on furlough from Selman Field,
Munroe, La...Mary Rossman is recuperating from an illness at home...Ethel
Peacher week-ended in Brunswick, Mo.

Chief Clerk's Office. Alverta Marston was called to Junction City, Kans., by the death of her aunt...Former FCA'er Doris Eyth Weston arrived in Kansas City for a week end with Eleanor Ferguson and Elma Muller...T. L. Piper is visiting at his home in Shenandoah, Va.

Cooperative. Rosalie Mountjoy is a beginner in a Nurses Aid class...A recent Washington visitor in the division was H. H. Hulbert.

Emergency Crop & Feed Loan. Managers and credit and collection managers of the 11 regional offices attended a 5 days' conference held in the central office.

Examination. Dorothy Mack and her soldier husband, who arrived from San Angelo, Texas, departed for a vacation with their families in Fairbury, Ill...A recent week-end guest of Agnes Nemanich was Sgt. Ann Vesel of Fort Des Moines, Ia...Belva Valliant was absent for a few days entertaining

out-of-town guests...Lena Kent announces the marriage of her daughter, Gwen, to Pvt. Robert Smiley of the Army Air Forces on February 4...Eileen Fascher's mother, Mrs. Erich Fascher, arrived from Kimball, S.D., for a visit.

Finance & Accounts. Latest word from Morrill Murphy's draft board states that he will remain a civilian for a while... W. S. Hein is presently headquartering in Tabulating Unit...Sgt. W. E. Brown stopped in to greet friends in Review Unit...News has been received that Wm. Wiley, presently with the Navy in the South Pacific, will arrive in the States soon...Freddy Howard is a vacationist in Illinois...Helen Brecheisen, who is W. T. McKeown's new secretary, had as a recent guest a sailor friend who had just returned from 2 years' overseas duty.

General Files. Claudina Hamilton is back at the office fully recovered from a recent illness...Doris Kirchhoff from Stenographic Section is taking over for Aileene Bashford who is at home recuperating from an illness...Comes greetings via Thomas Cunningham from Lt. Leland Geiss, stationed in Victoria, Kans., following his recent return to the States after a tour of duty as a bombardier during which he flew 50 missions.

Graphic. Through cold and snowy weather
the last bit of Graphic Section was
moved from the Annex to its new home in
the Auditorium...Word has been received
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Home Service News

PREPARATION FOR RED CROSS DRIVE

Another Red Cross War Fund Drive is just around the corner and two units of Red Cross operations in which FCA'ers participate are now making active preparation for their contribution to this campaign.

The Motor Corps girls are being given their assignments to collect money, deliver supplies, transport workers, and perform a number of other duties. Farm Credit girls who will assist in the Motor Corps work are Alma Franklin, Delta Vaughn, Dorothy Owens, Violet Hardin, Mary Nolz, Catherine Hardy, and Marie Wassenberg.

The Speakers' Division for the Red Cross drive is being given its impetus at an organizational dinner meeting to be held Wednesday, February 14, at the Advertising and Sales Executive Club. Hester Waters, Hoyt Elkins, and Louise Pressgrove are members of this group. Each of these three members has received citation awards from Secretary Morgenthau for services rendered in the War Bond drives.

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Just a reminder: The city tin can pickup will be made Saturday, February 17. It takes tin to pack field emergency
"K" rations and to encase emergency
sulfa ointments which protect our soldiers from deadly infection. Tin safeguards the blood plasma sent to the
fronts, too. We can help provide all of
these if we contribute our empty, clean,
flattened tin cans to the city-wide
collection.

DELIGHTFUL!

Choral group fans expressed their pleasure at the first Wednesday noon concert of the year on the 24th of January with a large turnout and warm applause.

After religiously practicing "The Lord's Prayer" singing "trespasses," the chorus came out with a fervent "Forgive us our debts," a sign of the imminency of income tax time.

They sang the nostalgic "White Christ-mas," "Take My Hand" to the beautiful melody of "Going Home," and "The Lord's Prayer."

These musicales, a combination of recorded music and choral singing, have come to mean a period of relaxation and enjoyment for music lovers. (IJB)

"SHOULD AULD ACQUAINTANCE"

A familiar song is like a trusted friend. You will hear some of your old favorites sung by the choral group at the Wednesday noon concert on February 21 at 12:45 p.m. Paul Rapp will be on hand to play records from Tschaikovsky's Nutcracker Suite at 12:15 p.m.

Mr. Mischler will be master of ceremonies!!! (IJB)



New Books recently received in the club library include:

BURNED FINGERS by Kathleen Norris
NET OF COBWEBS by Eliz. Sanxay Holding
THE MISSOURI by Stanley Vestal
THE VIGIL OF A NATION by Lin Yutang
MODERN STORIES OF MYSTERY AND
IMAGINATION edited by Phil Stong
PATTERN FOR MURDER by Ione Sandburg
Shriber

BEHOLD TROUBLE by Granville Hicks

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Several new record albums have recently been acquired by the club, and they may now be borrowed by members at a nominal charge. MEET ME IN ST. LOUIS includes all the songs from the movie of the same name sung by Judy Garland, including "The Trolley Song, " "The Boy Next Door, " and "Skip With My Lou." BLOOMER GIRL includes all the songs from that outstanding musical comedy, which many critics have hailed as a successor to OKLAHOMA. These songs include "It Was Good Enough for Grandma" and "The Rakish Young Man with the Wiskahs" sung by Celeste Holm, "Evelina" by Celeste Holm and David Brooks, "I Got a Song" by Richard Huey, "The Eagle and Me" by Dooley Wilson, "The Farmer's Daughter" by the five sons-in-law, and "Sunday in Cocero Falls" by the whole group.

HIKE IN SWOPE PARK

On Sunday, February 25, farm credit hikers will explore Swope Park under the guidance of John Kennedy. Hikers will meet at the main shelter house on Meyer Boulevard at 11 a.m. for a 6-mile walk across the big meadow to the Mall Drive, along Elmwood Avenue and Gregory Boulevard to the Lake of the Woods. After lunch the hike will continue around the Lake of the Woods, along the Blue River, across the suspension bridge, and through the zoo back to the starting point. As usual, the route of the hike will be subject to change without notice depending on the weather. Bring lunch and something to drink; and wear comfortable shoes.

To reach starting point, take the Swope Park car line, which runs along Main Street to Forty-third Street, continuing along Rock Hill and Swope Parkway to Meyer Boulevard. The last car to reach the starting point on time leaves Union Station at 10:39 a.m.

SPEAKERS' GROUP POSTPONES ORGANIZATION

Because of conflicting engagements on Friday night, members of the public speaking class have decided to postpone the organization of a speakers' group until next fall.

Prior to the last meeting the first section of a manual on the principles of effective speaking before groups was distributed to members of the class.

Members desiring to receive the remaining installments of this) manual

should call or write Mrs. Ann Buchanan, room 1414, extension 188.

AN APPROPRIATE EASTER GIFT

If you plan to give any gifts at Easter time, you could not choose anything more appropriate than a War Savings bond.

John B. Muller, Jr., in room 2248 will be glad to take your application at any time, but you should allow him about one week to obtain the bonds through the Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City.

FAMOUS LAST WORDS OF AN - UNWILLING JURYMAN

"I stood up and explained to the court in a loud and clear voice that I was an employee of the United States Department of Agriculture - and the jury elected me their foreman."

The words of Paul Rapp, who has just completed 2 days of jury service in the County Court, are quoted for the benefit of those who have the mistaken idea that Government employees may not be called upon for jury duty.

BUDGET RELIEF

If you find your budget knocked into a cocked hat through the changes in payroll dates, don't overlook the fact that the facilities of the FCA Employees Federal Credit Union are available for loans. If you need a loan to tide you over until you become adjusted to the new pay dates, stop in at the credit union office and ask Mrs. Gershon about it. The credit union has funds to loan for other

worthwhile purposes. If you need money, don't cash your War Bonds; obtain a credit union loan. (JDC)

STRICTLY PERSONAL (Continued from page 6)

by Olive Boylan that her brother, Pvt. Henry Boylan, of the 2nd Armored Division, is recovering in England from wounds received in Belgium on January 9...Ethel Webb has just made her sixth trip to the Red Cross blood bank.

Land Bank. Dixie Donelson traveled to Bethany, Mo., for a visit with her folks...The smile worn by J. R. Isleib announced his pleasure in a visit from his son, James, who arrived from Denver...Bernice Schmitt attended the wedding of her sister in Tipton, Kans... Several absentees on short illnesses include Joseph Munroe, Ann Wilson, and Floyd Prentice.

Personnel. Betty Taylor has received word that her brother, Pfc. John Taylor, has been awarded the Silver Star near Marvie, Belgium. Pfc. Taylor brought three wounded comrades in to a first aid station and then returned to his post alone and telephoned data back to headquarters...Peggy Goodrich has returned to her position in the division from a military furlough...Ben Russell is on an official business trip to New Orleans...A week end guest of the Milton Hoberecht's was their daughter, Joyce, who attends Christian College in Columbia, Mo....Frances Sayre hears

from her husband from Clark Field in the Philippines...Clifford Goodson departed for a field trip to New Orleans and Houston...A visit with a former FCA'er, Mildred Lindbloom, in Osage City, Mo., was a recent pleasure of Jo Gerdes.

Production Credit. The Homer Smiths are being congratulated on the arrival of a robust baby girl named Greta on _ : . January 28, who, with her sisters, Linda and Carla, completes a lively and charming trio... Gwendolyn Goode, just back from Florida, reports having been spellbound with the brilliant flowers, fruitbearing trees, and balmy sunshine, but far more enchanted with a wee blue-eyed lassie who came to brighten the home of her daughter ... From Winter Haven, Fla., comes a case of fine oranges, a gift from Emma Lou Peake, who recently left FCA to accept a position with a fruit packing and canning company ... Kathleen Belshaw from Finance & Accounts Division is on detail in the division.

Purchase & Supply. James Mock has returned to his desk following a week's illness.

Revolving Fund. Carolyn Portmann believed it was a mirage when she recently looked up from her work to see her husband walk in for a few hours' visit while on a plane trip from Nevada.

Solicitor's Office. Linus Gardner is in Washington, D. C., on official business.

Stenographic. Mary Kale week-ended at her home in Willis, Kans...Marine LaVeta

Dexter writes from San Francisco that she is now a Pfc...A week end was spent by Wilma Black at her home in Grant City, Mo.

Telephone. Irene Grieger departed for Douglas, Ariz., to join her soldier husband for an indefinite visit...The two new voices which greet callers over the phone are those of newcomers Hildred Gress and Ella Sheehy, who are welcomed to the force.

OUR WASHINGTON REPORTER

Cpl. Bert Sisson dropped in briefly - gave us his new address: 1078th AAF BU (Conv. Hosp.) Sec. "A" AAB, Richmond, Va. Says he's not in the hospital - just working there...Had a grand letter from Ens. Henry Bradford who says, "..am out in the Pacific now - was transferred to one of the large Destroyers - she has seen plenty of action and no doubt will see more. She also has several enemy craft to her credit. We spent Christmas and New Years at sea and then I was able to spend 5 days home with my family..."

Andy McKay wrote from Iran on January 14:
"I am still waiting for my family.
According to the reports we have, they
left Lisbon January 5 and are due in
Haifa on January 17. I have a house and
a Polish maid, Sophia (a young lady about
my age), who takes care of the house,
keeps the fires going, helps us into our
coats and out of them, takes off our
shoes and brings our slippers and puts
them on, and practically tucks us into
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FCA MEN'S BOWLING LEAGUE TEAM STANDINGS February 8, 1945

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PING PONG TOURNAMENT

At 8 o'clock Wednesday night,
February 14, a sweltering audience of
six witnessed the annual farm credit
ping pong tournament. Gerry Beauchamp
(referred to as "the wicked wonder of
the wooden racket") and Bob Drescher
were the victors. Other contestants
included Francis Smith, Theodore Bartow,
William Moore, Dick Robertson, John
Maguire, Arthur Hemstreet, and
Coleman Ballard.

LEARN TO LAUGH

God grant that i may see the joke of things,

The little things that bother

now and then

God grant my sense of humor may be strong

To weep a bit - and yet, to smile again.

God grant there be a chuckle in each tear,

To every trial, God grant a funny half.

And when I'm to be judged perhaps He'll say:

"Are you the soul who always tried to laugh?"

And when I nod and answer, "Yes,
I am,

I tried to kill my troubles with a grin."

Perhaps He'll smile and say, "That was a task,

But here's the Gate of Heaven, Enter in! "

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OUR WASHINGTON REPORTER (Continued from page 10)

the car when we leave the house in the morning. One soon comes to take these attentions for granted, but I am afraid it will take some little time to train my own womenfolk when they arrive from the United States where I realize now women are badly spoiled ... I was down in Ahwaz for about 10 days after Christmas and saw quite a little of George Hudson. He has gained a little weight and expects to leave for the States after February 1."

Looks like Florida is having its share of FCA visitors - Jack Spratt spent the holidays there - J. Kenneth Samuels just got back from an official trip - Anita Cline had a brief vacation - Marie Zandonini is in Miami Beach now - and we just had a card from Mary Sutherland who is "honeymooning" down there!

Too many of us conduct our lives on the cafeteria plan - self service only.

HAVE YOU NOTICED -

When the other fellow acts that way, he is ugly; when you do, it's nerves. When the other fellow is set in his way, he's obstinate; when you are, it's just firmness.

When the other fellow doesn't like your friends, he's prejudiced: when you don't like him, you are a good judge of human nature.

"What's in a name?" is from Shakespeare's play, But the following names are in FCA:

We have no Roosevelt or Truman we know. But there's WASHINGTON, ADAMS, HARRISON, MUNROE,

TAYLOR. BUCHANAN, HAYES and JOHNSON. Then for good measure CLEVELAND and WILSON.

That's not all - as you'll readily

We even have someone who's named DEWEY.

Pears? No. but we have BARTLETT: No razor either, but GILLETTE; WARD's with us without Montgomery; No Cleopatra, but we do have ANTHONY. Two PORTERS (sorry, no waiters) fill a gap

While 4 MILLERS and PIPER say, "We don't give a RAPP."

Then, you've heard of the KING, a GOLDMAN, no less

His STONES and STERLING amount to a GROSS.

The PRICE he paid was not in Missouri MILLS:

It's gold he SHIELDS in them thar UNDERHILLS.

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SAME EVERYWHERE!

Filling out one of those innumerable Government questionnaires, a retailer was asked to list his "fastest-moving item. " Without hesitation, he wrote: 12 "Personnel."